

Define this word and think of how it could be used in a sentence:

legislate

legislate (v) : to make laws

It is the job of the U.S. Congress to legislate for the nation.

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legislation

legislation (n): a law

Congress works to pass legislation for our country.

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legislative

legislative (adj): lawmaking

Congress works in the legislative branch of government.

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legislator

legislator (n): a lawmaker

Senators and representatives are legislators.

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legislature

legislature (n): a group of lawmakers

Another word for the Congress is the legislature.

<b>Someone has an idea for a new law and finds a sponsor.</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>The bill is discussed in a House committee.</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>The House votes on the bill and it passes.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>The bill is debated on the floor of the Senate.</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>A representative sponsors the bill and writes it.</b>	<b>2</b>

**The bill is debated by  
the full House.**

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**The bill moves to the Senate and is  
discussed in a Senate committee.**

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**The bill is voted on in the Senate  
and passes.**

**8**

**The bill moves to the President  
where s/he signs it into law.**

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How many total representatives are in the U.S. House of Representatives and how long is the term of a representative?

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There are a total of 435 representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives. The number from each state is based on population.

Representatives serve a term of two years.

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How many total senators are in the U.S. Senate and how long is the term of a senator?

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There are a total of 100 senators in the U.S. Senate, two from each state.

Senators serve a term of six years.

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In what building does the Congress work?

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The Congress works in the Capitol Building.

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List the three choices that the President has when a bill arrives on his/her desk.

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1. Sign it
  2. Veto it
  3. Ignore it
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Name the four legislators from Maine.

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Representatives:  
Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden

Senators:  
Susan Collins and Angus King

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True or False

Laws passed in the U.S.A. must be followed by in other countries.

False

Only people in OUR nation must follow laws made for our nation. Laws made for the U.S.A. are called federal laws.

What are the two parts of Congress?

The two parts of Congress are the House of Representatives and the Senate.

What does it mean when a bill is "on the floor?"

When a bill is "on the floor" it is the center of attention. It is the only thing that can be debated.

What is the difference between a federal law and a state law?

A federal law has to be followed by everyone in the USA, whereas a state law only applies to the people in that particular state.

What is the main purpose of the Legislative Branch?

The main purpose of the Legislative Branch is to make the laws for our country.  
  
This is done by the Congress.